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REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

Initially, applicants would like to note that the present amendment is being submitted in compliance with "Amendments In A Revised Format Now Permitted", 1267 OG 4 (February 25, 2003). Pursuant to this notice, the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 have been waived.

The telephonic interviews with Examiner Zara on May 16, 2003, and June 4, 2003, are gratefully acknowledged. The issues discussed are summarized below.

In the outstanding advisory action and the May 16, 2003, telephone interview, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") stated that it maintained the rejection of claims 14, 18, 20, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (1st para.) for failure to overcome the enablement rejection made of record in the final office action of January 8, 2003. However, in her voice mail message on May 27, 2003, Examiner Zara stated, apparently based on the Declaration of Animesh Ray Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, that only claims 18 and 24 remained rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (1st para.) for lack of enablement.

The rejection of claim 18 and claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (1st para.) for lack of enablement is respectfully traversed in view of the above amendments. Support for the amendment to claim 18 is found in the specification at page 29, lines 9-30, while the amendment to claim 24 is supported in the specification at page 10, lines 21-24 and page 32, lines 1-15.

In addition, on April 15, 2003, applicants submitted a Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement together with a one-page PTO-1449 form (copy enclosed), three references, and a copy of the Supplemental European Search Report for the corresponding European application of the present application. An initialed copy of this PTO-1449 form was not received by applicants with the advisory action. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the cited references be considered and that the PTO-1449 pages be initialed to reflect such consideration and sent to applicants with the next communication from the PTO.

In view of all of the foregoing, applicants submit that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

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